



QRIC Equine lifecycle
and on-track injury
report
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1. Background

The Queensland Racing Integrity Commission (QRIC) publishes reports of foaling, naming, on-track fatalities, retirement, death, and euthanasia figures of thoroughbred and standardbred horses in Queensland's racing industry. QRIC prepares these reports from the 'Single National System' (SNS) for Thoroughbreds and 'Harvey' for standardbreds, race day veterinarians' reports and race day Stewards' reports.

Data is standardised as per 1,000 starters and includes every horse that has started in a race that is deceased or was euthanased because of a racing incident.

This report is for Queensland, for the financial year July 2023 to June 2024.

2. Definitions

Foaled

Horses born in Queensland.

Named

Horses in Queensland registered with a racing name by Racing Australia (Thoroughbreds) or Harness Racing Australia (Standardbreds). Naming usually occurs when a horse is between 12–18 months old.

Death

For the purposes of this report death refers to a Thoroughbred or Standardbred that has been reported in SNS or Harvey, or a Stewards' report as deceased by any means other than euthanasia or slaughter.

Euthanasia

Euthanasia, for the purposes of this report, means a Thoroughbred or Standardbred that has been reported in SNS or Harvey, or a Stewards' report as having been euthanised.

Retired

Retired, for the purposes of this report, refers to the status given to a registered Thoroughbred or Standardbred that is no longer being trained or raced as self-reported to the Racing Australia (RA) and Harness Racing Australia (HRA). In this report, 'retired' does not include the death, slaughter, or euthanasia of a horse.

3. Reports

3.1. Foaling

Table 1. Thoroughbred horses foaled between 1 July 2023 to 30 June 2024.

Thoroughbreds Foaled	1778
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Table 2. Standardbred horses foaled between 1 July 2023 to 30 June 2024.

Standardbreds Foaled	387
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3.2. Naming

Table 3. Thoroughbred horses named between 1 July 2023 to 30 June 2024.

Thoroughbreds Named	1929
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Table 4. Standardbred horses named between 1 July 2023 to 30 June 2024.

Standardbreds Named	235
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3.3. Injuries and fatalities in racing

Table 5. Thoroughbred and Standardbred conditions and injuries recorded through post-race veterinary examinations at race meetings from 1 July 2023 to 30 June 2024.

	Starters	Conditions	Conditions per 1,000 starters	Injuries	Injuries per 1,000 starters	Euthanised or deceased	Euthanised or deceased per 1,000 starters
Thoroughbred	43765	610	13.93	599	13.68	33	0.75
Standardbred	24778	57	2.3	78	3.14	1	0.04

3.4. Deregistration

Table 6. Thoroughbred horses deregistered from racing through death, euthanasia, or retirement from 1 July 2023 to 30 June 2024 as reported to Racing Australia by participants and documented in their Single National System.

	Number of Thoroughbreds Deregistered from Racing
Died	143
Euthanised	91
Slaughter	58
Retired	3321

Table 7. Standardbred horses deregistered from racing through death, euthanasia, or retirement from 1 July 2023 to 30 June 2024 as reported to Harness Racing Australia by participants and documented in their Harvey system.

	Number of Standardbreds Deregistered from Racing
Died	24
Euthanised	22
Slaughter	6
Retired	276

Important information to be read in conjunction with these figures:

- Injuries at race meetings are reported in Stewards' race day reports. Stewards' reports may be amended at any time by the Stewards at their discretion as races are reviewed.
 - Injuries do not include those occurring at trials.
 - The injury rate per 1,000 starters at race meetings is included to standardise these data relative to the proportion of horses that raced in during that period.
 - Outside of race day records, the accuracy of death and euthanasia figures is dependent on compliance with the rules of racing and accurate self-reporting by industry participants. QRIC, however, enforces these obligations in accordance with *Martin Inquiry* Recommendations 2.3.2 and 3.3.
 - Reported retirements may vary over time for the same data set due to late lodgement of retirement notifications.
 - The accuracy of foaling, naming and deregistration data is dependent on compliance with the rules of racing and accurate self-reporting by industry participants. QRIC, however, enforces these obligations in accordance with *Martin Inquiry*
 - Horses sent to slaughter are reported by participants via retirement/de-registration notifications.
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